

FREDERICKSBURG ARTS COMMISSION MEETING
September 2, 2010
City Hall Conference Room

Attendees: Patrick Ahearn, Kevin Bartram, Kerry Devine, Roy Jarnecke, Ellen Killough, Julie Perry, Florence Ridderhof, George Solley, and Pat Thalman.

The Chair, Kevin Bartram, called the meeting to order and welcomed two new Commission members: Ellen Killough and Patrick Ahearn.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 5, 2010 were approved as previously distributed.

Public Comment: Steven Brown of the Fredericksburg Theatre Ensemble was present as was the guest speaker, John Seal, who is chair of the Arlington Commission of the Arts. This Commission was appointed in 1989 as an Advisory Board to the County Board of Supervisors.

Committee Reports:

Via Colori – Sue Henderson spoke optimistically about the progress of plans for the up-coming Festival on September 25th and 26th. There will be a nice mix of entertainment; all committees are going strong; city government requirements are being met; posters are going to the printers and there has been approximately \$10,000 received in kind so far. Sue Henderson requested more leads for donations and artists from Commission members. The next meeting of the Festival Committee will be Monday, September 13 at 6 p.m. in the Visitor's Center Conference Room.

Chair's Report: Kevin Bartram has sent a roster of Commission members. He said that in regards to a Performing Arts Center, the only plan at present is the one from the University of Mary Washington. The University's Board of Visitors will be discussing this project at a future meeting. The FAC Chair will request a meeting with President Rick Hurley and the Commission.

Mr. Bartram met recently with Joe Wilson, Chair of EDA. After discussion of the various roles for the two groups, it was recommended by FAC that two members from FAC (one the Chair) meet with two people from EDA to formulate a grant review process.

Treasurer's Report: The Report is attached. The total, as of September 2, 2010 is \$17,477/24

Continuing Committee Reports:

Public Art: Pat Thalman spoke with Christa Stabler, Executive Vice-President and COO of the Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, concerning the mural site in Market Square. It was decided that it was not a good site so FAC and the Fredericksburg Area Museum are joining together to plan a public art project. George Solley, a FAMCC Board member, will be meeting with that group soon to further discuss this project. Ellen Killough mentioned the possibility of a mosaic tile on the wall of the entry way from Caroline Street into Market Square – to be accomplished by children in the community.

Web Site: Julie Perry gave the report in the absence of Debby Klein. A corrected copy of the proposal is to be distributed for bids. The bids will be reviewed by the Web Site Committee, brought to FAC, then a grant written to EDA for funding. The City Office will insert the necessary dates in this RFP.

The Chair requested that Pat Thalman create a written motion for a Public Arts Standing Committee, to describe membership and goals and then consider a By-Law change.

Arts and Cultural District: Kevin Bartram, George Solley and Richard Tremblay, Economic Development, met and reviewed proposals and incentives. The City Attorney will review and a draft proposal, now written, will be brought to the next meeting.

Unfinished Business: Strategic Plan: The Chair reported that this is still unfinished. All members were encouraged to send in any comments or suggestions.

New Business:

Name tags for members of the Commission will be provided for up-coming events.

EDA is planning a trip to visit Art-in-Place in Charlottesville either October 15 or 29 and members of the Arts Commission are invited to join them.

A motion was made to adjourn at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully

Florence Ridderhof, substituting for the Secretary